

Mr. LAWSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, once again, President Trump's budget calls for extreme cuts to vital programs that are funding for the Nation's poor, for healthcare, food stamps, student loans, and disability payments. It is a very shortsighted plan that seeks to break the situation that exists for those who can least afford it, while giving tax breaks to the wealthy in our country.

In my district, one in every four Floridians have been on food stamps for some point over the last 12 months. This is twice the national average. It is really unconscionable for the President to propose cutting nutrition benefit programs by \$192 billion because that would mean less to those in north Florida who need it the most.

SNAP programs that benefit the needy are so important. We have kids in north Florida, which I have had the personal opportunity to witness, in school programs, and probably the only meal that they are going to get is at school where they come and don't have an opportunity to get another meal at home.

We put hardworking Floridians in a no-win position, having to choose between paying their light bills or affordable healthcare. This is totally unacceptable in America.

This budget calls for slashing \$800 billion from Medicaid over the next decade and \$72 billion for disability benefits, which are so important. There is no way that we should be encouraging people who are disabled to go out and work to earn their benefits.

Did you know, Mr. Speaker, that almost 40 percent of low-income women in America who are between the age of 15 and 49 years use Medicaid to pay for their healthcare needs?

And in my home State, Florida, 50 percent of those pregnancies are paid for by Medicaid. Who will make up the difference? The need will not magically disappear, as most people think.

This is a shortsighted budget and one that eliminates programs that particularly are geared toward protecting the poor. That is what our job should be in government: to make sure that we protect those and speak for those who cannot speak for themselves.

At this time, when we need to be working to make college more affordable and accessible in order to prepare the next generation of tomorrow's leaders, this is counterproductive to be cutting financial assistance to these students.

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The President is proposing deep cuts to our Nation's poorest urban and rural communities, which would shrink the supply of affordable housing and increase homelessness and other hardships across this country.

I personally have been touring areas in my district where HUD has failed these communities. The budget continues corporate welfare to Wall Street, and what is so amazing is that

Wall Street doesn't receive those cuts. The people who receive the cuts are the ones who need it the most.

An inspiring and most hopeful past President once said that the defining challenge of our time is making sure that our economy works for every working American.

This budget cut does not put us on the path of tackling these challenges. I believe that our Nation's budget should reflect our own values as a society, but it does not align with the values of the Fifth Congressional District, and, therefore, I intend to strongly oppose this budget.

We need to remember that all of the issues we debate on this floor, from healthcare to the President's budget, to America's role in the Middle East, and our borders, foreign policies, those issues have an effect on all of our constituents. While some of our colleagues seem to only want to have political perks, sound bites in the media back home, I implore them to remember this simple fact: The work we do here matters to every person in America, not to just those who vote for us.

It is important that as we approach this budget, Mr. Speaker, that we think about those who are less fortunate.

#### HUMAN TRAFFICKING

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. FITZPATRICK) for 5 minutes.

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring attention to the statistics of human trafficking, and they are shocking: an estimated 21 million victims globally, a quarter of them children, and the majority of them women, resulting in a \$150 billion criminal industry predicated on the destruction of lives.

This criminal conduct may seem a world away, but it is not. It exists right here in our own backyards. Just last year, the human trafficking hotline reported 151 cases of human trafficking in our State of Pennsylvania. This week the House can—and must—act in a bipartisan fashion to support and bolster antihuman trafficking programs, upgrading our Nation's response to this crime.

By empowering nonprofits like NOVA and the Bucks Coalition Against Trafficking, and ensuring our local law enforcement's ability to identify and prosecute those cases, these bills will provide services to victims of human trafficking and aid in apprehending the world's worst offenders.

HONORING THE LIFE OF SHERIFF'S DEPUTY  
KEITH CLYMER

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Bucks County Sheriff's Deputy Keith Clymer of Kintnersville, who our community lost last week when his motorcycle was struck by another vehicle.

Deputy Clymer joined the Bucks County Sheriff's Office in 2013, and he

was assigned to the domestic relations warrant unit. He also served as a self-defense tactics instructor. As the sheriff's office noted in the announcement of his tragedy, Keith was liked by all who met and worked with him and will be sorely missed by all.

Mr. Speaker, the loss of any member of our law enforcement community is heartbreaking, but the loss of Deputy Clymer, as we recognize National Police Week, both here in our Nation's Capital and around my district, draws special focus to those who serve and protect our communities.

My thoughts and prayers are with his sons, his family, and all those who Keith impacted, both personally and professionally. He lived his life serving and protecting us. For that, Mr. Speaker, we are eternally grateful.

#### NATIONAL FOSTER CARE MONTH

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. CASTOR) for 5 minutes.

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of National Foster Care Month, and I am pleased to welcome Yves Luma and Anabel Sanchez-Senofonte for the Sixth Annual Congressional Foster Youth Shadow Day.

I would also salute Congresswoman KAREN BASS, who is the most outspoken, energized advocate for foster youth anywhere in America. I am very proud of Yves and Anabel. They are an inspiration for all of us.

Yves has persisted in the face of true adversity and is now a first-generation college student at Florida State University. She was born in Haiti, faced challenges at a young age that most of us will never understand. Not being able to count on a stable home environment in Haiti, Yves, with her younger siblings, moved around between extended family and friends before moving to the United States.

Once in the United States, Yves did not have a consistent home. Yet through everything, she persevered, working to provide for her younger siblings while continuing her high school education at Plant High School and Blake High School in Tampa. She carried a heavy burden without parents that no child should have to endure. Due to the hard work and help of her school social workers, Yves was referred to Starting Right, Now, a Tampa-based group home for homeless youth who value and desire a higher education. It was this support system and the help of a lot of others that enabled Yves' talent and drive to catapult her to a promising future.

Anabel is 21 years old, also a student at Florida State University, getting a BA in economics and sociology. Anabel grew up in Miami, where she spent most of her life in foster care. She was taken from her mother three times before permanently being removed from her custody. At that point, she entered a group home at about 5 years old. She